



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING ALKALINE  
SPHINGOMYELINASE FOR USE AS A DIETETIC  
PREPARATION, FOOD SUPPLEMENT OR  
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

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October 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION TO EXTEND**

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for three (3) months from the due date of July 15, 2004, of the Official Action dated April 15, 2004.

An extension fee of \$980.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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